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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Steven L. Purcell for MICRO TRENCH DUCT PLACEMENT.

Also enclosed are:

- Twelve sheet(s) of formal informal drawing(s);
- claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is hereby made to _____ filed in _____ on _____;
- in the declaration;
- a certified copy of the priority document;
- a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;
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| CLAIMS | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | No. of Claims | | Extra Claims | Rate | Fee |
| Basic Application Fee | | | | | \$770.00 |
| Total Claims | 31 | Minus 20 = | 11 | x \$18.00 = | \$198.00 |
| Ind. Claims | 3 | Minus 3 = | 0 | x \$ 86.00 = | \$0.00 |
| If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Total Application Fee | | | | | \$968.00 |
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Respectfully submitted,

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